



**Stone Soup Leadership Institute
SouthCoast Development Partnership's Blue Economy Symposium
November 1, 2019**



The Stone Soup Leadership Institute was honored to be invited to the SouthCoast Development Partnership's Blue Economy Symposium. Held at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, it brought together leaders from business, government, education and community organizations. **Accelerating the Southeastern Massachusetts Marine Science and Technology Corridor: An Industry, Academia, and Government Collaboration.**

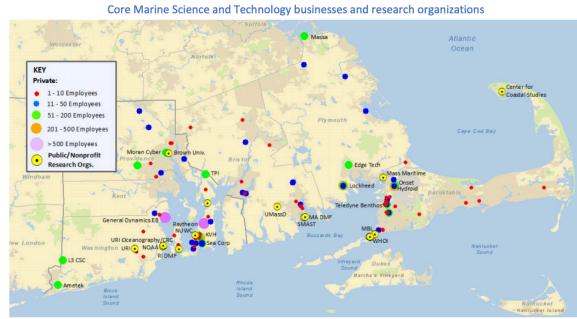
In his opening remarks, **Chancellor Robert Johnson** said *"There is an ocean of opportunity calling for our leadership and partnership to chart the course forward. I know that together, we can answer this call."*

U.S. Representative William Keating declared *"We will be the hub of the Blue Economy, nationwide."*



Congressman Joseph Kennedy thanked **Debra Beavin**, U.S. Economic Development Administration for her support of the SouthCoast Development Partnership first year grant of \$600,000.

UMass Dartmouth's Public Policy Center. Michael Goodman presented the findings of the report: CHARTING THE COURSE: A Regional Assessment of the Marine Science and Technology Sector in Southeastern New England. The report assessed workforce needs of the regional blue economy and pointed to a skills gap between business and education.



Source: Public Policy Center

Presentations from Vineyard Wind and Mayflower Wind stressed the importance of investing in and engaging with the local community. Vineyard Wind shared their plans to “**train up the local workforce**” and presented different partnerships with local academic institutions in order to best do this. These include different certificates at **Bristol Community College, ACE MV and Cape Cod Community College.**

As a business member of the SouthCoast Development Partnership's Blue Economy Corridor, I'm glad to join this event. The promise of a vibrant and sustainable Blue Economy, Marine Science and Technology Corridor in Southern Massachusetts relies on the early engagement of our local youth and their Work Force Development to support our growth in the region. Organizations like the Stone Soup Leadership Institute can be a catalyst for our region given their proven success in developing Young Leaders in Sustainable Practices.

Anthony Baro
PowerDocks

This is a time of great opportunity for our region. The Cape Cod Regional STEM Network is the hub of our region's STEM ecosystem, and we share the South Coast Development Partnership's goal to build capacity for workforce development and innovation in our region's Blue Economy through education and collaboration. If leaders in government, education, and the private sector join forces and work together using an ecosystem approach to tackle the challenges we face, then the results of our efforts will be an example for other communities like ours around the world to follow.

Bridget Burger
Cape Cod STEM Network

Conceição Santos, Deputy Director General of Marine Policy in the Portugal Ministry of the Sea highlighted **Portugal's BlueTech Accelerator** and the importance of supporting Ocean Startups. The BlueTech panel wants to replicate these best practices. **Ronald Vien, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Alf Carroll, Raytheon, Rusty Kollmorgen, General Dynamics, Duane Fotheringham, Hydroid, Ramprasad Balasubramanian, UMass Dartmouth.**



Chibike Nwodim with Chancellor Robert Johnson
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

It was an honor to be invited to the Blue Economy Symposium and hear Chancellor Johnson's vision. This summer, I was nominated to serve as a UMassD youth delegate to the Institute's 15th Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development. It was great to be work with the tech team from Hawaii, California and Martha's Vineyard. They taught me about the design process whilst we worked on the Sustainable Workforce Development Network. It was a life changing experience for me. Meeting other with big dreams and bright futures was mesmerizing. I was especially interested to learn about sustainability and the blue economy. I've expanded my understanding by working on the Institute's site www.sustainabilityisfun.com with Jack McCoy. Now joining the weekly Tech Zoom calls from different time zones we envision SustainWDN. My time with Stone Soup Institute has helped me grow as a person and develop better time management skills.

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